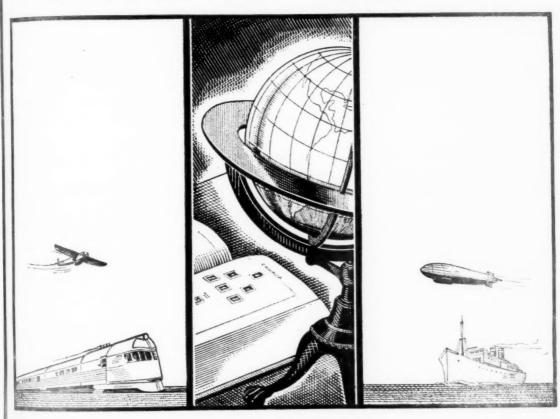
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Ohio Sales Tax Stamps

By Leo M. Goerth

With the Collaboration of Harrison Dunseth, Clifford Shafer, Louis Gardner

▶ HE Ohio sales tax stamps are | PERFORATIONS no doubt unique in the field of collecting revenue for purposes of the state. In reality they are not even a stamp but merely a printed receipt which is used by tearing in half to show that the tax has been paid. There are several states that have a sales tax on their statute books, but none have such a complex system of collecting it. Most states permit the retailer to absorb the tax (which works hardship on the small fellow) but not so in Ohio, no partiality is

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Much time has been spent trying to arrange a satisfactory check list. There are many differences in the separate issues but only a sufficient number has been given in order to identify them correctly.

The writer would like to ask the readers of Linn's Weekly if a sufficient number of them would be interested in a regular column which would be given entirely to state revenues. The writer has been interested in this field for several years and with the help of the readers could present very interesting articles on this side line. A penny post card to the editor will suffice.

The writer wishes to thank, Harrison Dunseth, whose eagle eye and stooping efforts have brought many of these varieties to light; Louis Gardner, Manager of a branch bank, for letting the writer look through the stock of stamps of the state; Clifford Shafer for his help in preparing this check list.

The writer hopes his humble efforts and those of his collegues are appreciated and will welcome criticism as to errors and omissions.

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stapled in stacks of 100. More of this multiple OHIO except where series will no doubt appear as it was If no more values of this type appear the last contract let.

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TYPE I

Imprint-19 M.M. long Rouletted-1c Pale green & dark Blue 3c Brown & Orange

TYPE II

Imprint-21 M.M. long Rouletted 30c Olive green & Bright grn. 60c Heliotrope and Blue

Same as type II except printed in one color. 1c-2c-3c.

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TYPE I

Imprint-14 M.M. long, 1 M.M. from lower frame 2c-3c-9c-15c.

Imprint-15 M.M. long 1/2 M.M. from lower frame 2c-3c-9c-12c-15c-30c.

Note: There are 2 varieties of the 15c.

Variety A-On the Consumer's receipt, the 1's in 15 have a short serif, and the left "1" is 1/2 M.M. or more from the left inner frame line.

Variety B-The 1's have a long serif and practically touches the inner frame line.

TYPE III

Same as Type II

Note: This stamp has various combinations of lines & curves in the Note: The stamps are packed & margin between the halves of the stamp. A device to prevent reuse. lit can be listed as Type II.

THE WARNER P. SIMPSON Co. COLUMBUS. OHIO

TYPE I

No imprint. Slot Rouletted Vertical Watermarked

Some mention should be made of the Type III of the Reserve Litho. This was an emergency contract given to them to serve until the serial number type was ready for distribution. By marking each stamp on the plate with various combinations of lines and curves, they were able to produce a temporary substi-

To date the writer has about 25 varieties out of a possible 200 as that is the probable size of the plate, and would appreciate having correspondence to secure others.

New Spanish Catalogue

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The new 1936-37 catalogue of the Stamps of Spain and its Colonies as well as former colonies is now out and will be sought for by those who are interested in these issues.

The catalogue is of over 400 pages, fully illustrated and contains much in the way of information about the stamps listed that is not available in other catalogues.

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The "What-is-it" of Philately

By DON HOUSEWORTH

The "what-is-it" of the circus sideshows has nothing on the new Lope de Vega commemorative stamp from Spain which has some of our contemporary publications agog with speculation. By the time this is printed some good Spaniard will probably have come forward with an explanation of just what the creature is and the task of the catalogue editors who must give it a name before next summer will thereby be stripped of a lot of brain work.



One magazine quite confidently told collectors that the "what-is-it" is a cockroach and a dead one at that. Senor de Vega, poet and dramatist of the long ago, is supposed to have employed the carcass of the lowly creature as a design for his bookplate and to have insinuated that his critics were of about so much importance in his life. If this explanation of the design is correct we have, in de Vega, located the chap who inspired the late enemies of the New Deal and General Johnson. For these latter day crusaders, according to the general, carried on a business of flinging dead cats over the back fence of the administration and dead cats and dead cockroaches have something, if not everything, in common.

However, the editors of that ultraconservative publication known as Scott's Monthly Journal have withheld positive identification of the corpse pending addition research as a certain library official has scoffed at the idea that there is any reason to believe the creature is a cockroach. He calls it a beetle and, of course, the zoology books say that a cockroach belongs to the family Orthoptera while to rate as a beetle an insect must be born into the family 64 Admiral Rd.

Coleoptera. You understand perfect. ly?

My personal opinion is that this "thing" is neither cockroach nor beetle but a space ship from the Buck Rodgers' comic strip.

The stamp is one of three issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the death of Felix Lope de Vega, who ended his career of phenominal literary production by becoming a priest. It is believed that he wrote more than 1,800 plays and was equally prolific in turning out other literary work but thus far only 450 of the plays have been gathered and definitely attributed to his pen.

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United States Review

Thomas F. Whitbread, West Cummington, Mass.

Inquiries regarding U. S. Issues will be answered in this column. If a personal reply is desired, enclose stamped addressed envelope.

three 5c stamps which are carmine instead of the usual blue called for by the Universal Postal Union. Mr. J. E. Smith asks how this happened. In making a plate from which stamps are printed the design for each stamp is pressed into a steel plate from a transfer roll on which the design is raised in relief. In the early part of 1917 such a plate number 7492 was prepared for 2c stamps and a proof was showed that the transfers for stamps 74 and 84, in the upper left pane of 100, and stamp 18, in the lower right pane, were defective. The plate was therefor returned to the man who enters the designs on the plate for correction. This is done by burnishing out the defective designs, hammering

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Our stamps number among them ling the transfer roll in the plate. However, in this instance, the transfer roll for the 5c value, which was different only in the numerals, was impressed by mistake.

The supposedly corrected proof was passed and the stamps issued in March 1917, the upper left pane bearing two 5c stamps and the lower right one, in the positions mentioned above. Upon being detected, the Department at once issued orders to all postmasters taken. Examination of this proof ordering them to return any found in their stocks to Washington for redemption. Of the 150,000 possible errors available 17,283 were returned, the balance going to collectors, or being used up commercially.

The three varieties which appeared between March 2 and April 1, the date on which the plate was used up the hollows, and then re-impress- for printing were:-imperforate, of which only 50 sheets or 150 errors are supposed to have reached the public, perforated 10 and perforated 11, the former being about twice as scarce as the latter. Well centered copies of either error are extremely difficult to

> Mrs. E. A. Ashley shows us an English stamp postmarked "New York." This is in addition to the regular English machine postmark which says "Buy British" and is made by an American manufactured machine. This is not of any great rarity as mail coming from abroad is often backstamped and the possibility of the cancellation appearing on the front is

> Mrs. Ashley also asks the meaning of "double transfer." In applying the transfer roll, mentioned above to the plate to impress the design from which the stamp is printed, the roll may be raised by the operator during the process. He may then set it down again but not quite in the right position so that all lines coincide. This naturally results in a doubling of some of the lines in the design which show on the stamp when printed. This is termed a double transfer by collectors.

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stamps and flights.

A final summary of a previous States alone. group of trans-oceanic flight stamps has been prepared by the Post Office Department. The 50-cent Zeppelin stamp was issued late in the year 1933 granting due official recognition of the flight of the dirigible from Germany to the Century of Progress Exposition, by way of South America, but the main purpose or reason of the issue was for prepayment of postage on mail carried between various points in the United States and on the return flight to Germany.

In the final analysis, the official figures reveal that there were only 324,070 of the 50-cent Zeppelin stamps sold. Publication of this extremely small quantity is likely to send the price of this stamp, either used or in mint condition, skyrocketing. Already quoted in the dollar price class, there is no telling just what the upward price slant will be,

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> As a matter of record to those interested in as many of the facts and figures as are available, we will record here that the model designed by the artist Victor S. McCloskey was approved on September 19, 1933. J. C. Benzing engraved the picture portion of the die, and the lettering was taken care of by E. M. Hall and W. B.

> There were but four plate numbers for the issue, 21171 and 21172, and 21177 and 21178. The stamps were printed on the flat-bed presses and were the first to be given the test of being perforated throughout from that type of printing. The success of perforating through the centerlines of the flat plate Printings has been further demonstrated as highly practicable and extremely desirable in three other issues. The Little America stamps released the week following the Zeppelin issue was perforated throughout, as was also the Boulder Dam commemorative of September this year and the more recent 25-cent Trans-Pacific Air Mail Commemmorative.

> Schedule of the flight was as follows: The Graf Zeppelin sailed from Friedrichshafen, Germany, October 14, 1933. Following a route that carried the ship over the South Atlantic, northward over parts of South America, Miami, Fla., was the first stop in the United States, made on October 23, 1933. Next stop was Akron on October 24, with arrival at Chicago October 26, 1933. The Graf remained in Chicago some 24 hours, then left for Akron and started on the homeward flight to Germany on October 28, 1933.

First day of sale was October 2, 1933 in New York City. Approximately 3500 first day covers were canceled, 88,942 stamps were sold and some 14,627 covers were received for the flight. It is interesting to note here that more than one-fourth of the entire output of the 50-cent Zeppelin issue was sold on that first day in New York.

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The final accounting made after the stamp was removed from sale at the Philatelic Agency June 15, showed that a total of 4,302,950 of the 50-cent Zeppelin stamps were issued, but 3,978,880 were finally redeemed, leaving the total actually put into circulation 324,070.

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Due to his residence in Marion, he became intensely interested in everything Philatelic, pertaining to the late President Warren G. Harding and his Harding Collection is said to be one of the finest in the country.

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A Biblical Geography of the Stamps

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CHAPTER VII

BIBLE students know that a knowledge of the geography of the Biblical lands and events is necessary to a real understanding of the Book. It is a fascinating and informing study. Fortunately it can be made a joy to the religious stamp collector for many of the governments of the Near East have issued stamps bearing pictures of places associated with Biblical Geography. A beautiful exhibit sheet could be made by using a good-sized outline map of the Bible lands and mounting the stamps around the places they illustrate. This arrangement could hardly be used in the album for lack of space.

All Bible readers will remember that Genesis 8:4 locates the place at which the Ark of Noah came to rest after the great flood as Mt. Ararat in Armenia. It is very natural that Armenia should desire to show this mountain on a stamp issue. An issue of stamps was ordered printed in Paris to be used in 1920. In this issue the 25r, 50r, and 100r values (No. 273, 275, 277) bore a picture of the Mt. Ararat of Bible fame. These stamps had a rather peculiar and interesting history. The first consignment sent to Armenia was lost in transit. Before a second consignment could be delivered a Soviet Republic had been set up in Armenia and they prohibited the use of these stamps. Consequently these stamps were never used postally in Armenia.

The Soviet government came out with a series of stamps in 1921. Some of them bore Soviet symbols but part of the issue used purely Armenian designs and two of them bore a view of Mt. Ararat. The one design pictured the post office in Erivan and Mt. Ararat in the background (No. 288, 294k). other was just a picture of Mt. Ararat itself (No. 293, 294, 294p). It is rather peculiar that the Soviet government should use this design, even if protected with the Soviet symbol in the corner. The Soviets are opposed to all religion as "the opiate of the people" and would certainly not intentionally show even an indirect honor to anything connected with the Bible. In 1922 they again used Mt. Ararat, and in 1922-23 again, on two designs but this time with the Red Star of Russia blazing overhead (No. 300, 301, 310-315). One would think that this was to atone for a previous oversight in issuing a religious stamp but any such idea is shattered by a different issue of 1922 and of 1922-23 bearing two different designs with pictures of Mt. Ararat without the added decoration of the Red Star (No. 340-343, 357-359). Whatever the motives of the Soviet postal authorities may have been it is very interesting that they should continue to use a picture with religious associations upon their stamps.

One of the landmarks of Biblical geography is the Euphrates River. In Genesis 2:14 it is named as one of the four rivers flowing out of the Garden of Eden. In Genesis 14:18 it is asserted that God himself in his promises to Abraham set it as the north eastern border

of the Jewish nation. In consequence of this promise the Jews always regarded it as their ideal border. It is doubtful if they ever attained it in fact unless it may have been for a short time under David and Solomon or Jereboam II. In 1931 Syria issued an airpost stamp in 2pi value, Prussian blue (No. 348) showing a view of this historic river with an airplane soaring over it.

While the Euphrates River was the longed-for border of the Jews their real north eastern border was usually the little kingdom of Hamath. In I Kings 8:65 the extent of Israel is described as being "from the entering in of Hamath to the river of Egypt." The Syrian government has added greatly to our stamps on Biblical Geography by giving us several stamps bearing views of Hama (Hamath). They began in 1925 by a design on which a mosque minaret was most prominent (No. 173). This was reissued with a surcharge in 1928 (No. 198). Then in 1930-31 came four different stamps each bearing a view of Hamath (No. 208, 210, 217, 221). In two of these the minaret predominates again but on the 4.50pi and 15pi values we have good views that give the oriental flavor of the city. The airpost issue of 1931 gives us two good airplane views of the city (No. 346, 353). In 1933 for some inexplicable reason the two poorest views of 1930-31 were reissued (No. 226, 228). A view of Hamath showing a section of the city wall was used on four postage due stamps in 1925 (No. 436, 438-440). Still greater interest is added to this city for us by the fact that in the time of David a King Toi ruled in Hamath and when David conquered the Syrians of Zobah, Toi sent his son Joram to congratulate the victor (II Sam. 8:9-10). Whether this was to be an act of submission and whether David was the acknowledged overlord of Toi of Hamath is not clear.

The Land of Israel was not a land of trees. The landscape was almost treeless except for stunted shrubs. On their northern border were the mountains of Lebanon with their lordly cedars. It was very natural that these magnificent trees should capture the imaginations of the Jews. We find in the Psalms and Prophets constant use of the Cedars of Lebanon as an illustration. "The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon" "The righteous shall flourish like the (Psalm 92:12). "The trees of Jehovah are filled with moisture, The Cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted" (Psalm 104:16). When Solomon was preparing to build his magnificent temple to Jehovah in Jerusalem he had to turn to Hiram, King of Tyre for lumber. In I Kings 5:6 it is recorded that Solomon wrote to Hiram, "Command thou that they cut me cedar trees out of Lebanon." The Temple woodwork was of the beautiful Lebanon cedar. Modern Lebanon is proud both of the historic associations and the natural beauty of their cedars. In 1925 a stamp was issued (No. 50) bearing a beautiful picture of one of the mighty cedars. This design was reissued with surcharges in 1927 (No. 72) and in 1928 (No. 86, 105). In 1930-31 the Cedars of Lebanon again appeared, this time a group of them, on an 0p20 in yellow brown (No. 115).

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Next came the British Empire with its Silver Jubilee issues and again rolled Mr. John Collector for a nice mess

of jack.

Naturally, the dealer in both instances got his little bit of commission on the handling of these issues but the big divide went to the Governments responsible for these issues and in the case of the Farley Imperforates, that was plenty.

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On the TOP plate number strip of firm of H. R. Harmer handles at the the No. 599, 2c current sidewise coil, which shows a portion of plate number 20780, the subject to the LEFT of the joint-line has a crack which starts from the lower border line of the "banner ribbon" which carries "WASHINGTON," at a point below the "O." The crack extends upward through the left side of the "O," through the center line of the button on the "Toga," doubles above the button for almost half the vertical distance to the hair, where it "jumps" to the left and continues almost to the line of the hair. There is a small crack to the left, about 2/3 of the way between the button and the hair-line. In the hair, is three additional cracks of small dimension.

> While this variety is shown on a joint-line strip showing a portion of plate number 20780, it actually occurs on plate number 20779, position number 17. Subjects to the right of the joint line are of Plate 20780, while those to the left are of 20779, the companion plate.

On the TOP Plate number strip of the No. 599, 2c current sidewise coil, showing plate number 20184, the subject to the LEFT of the line has a crack similar to the above but not at all the same. In this specimen, the crack starts (or ends) a little to the right of the place where the other begins, but at the banner line under the "O" of "WASHINGTON," extends through the RIGHT side of the "O," through the first Toga-Button line to the right of the middle line, vertically toward the hair, back of the ear. About halfway up the neck, the crack forms a "loop," continues, bearing toward the right. No minor breaks in the hair.

This, too, is on the "companion plate" of that indicated by the portion of the number shown on the coil strip. The proper designation of the position being, plate 20183-No. 17. These two varieties are generally called "Gripper-Slot Cracks," as they occur at the point where the plates are thinned out from the back to clamp them to the press.

While the first variety mentioned above has been known for some time, I do not believe that the latter one has as yet been described in the Seranton, Pa. philatelic press.—Chips.

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Newspaper accounts for the past ton and one-half of mail across the broad Pacific. By the time this gets in print, covers should be in the hands of most of you from Hawaii which marked the first step of this flight. But not all the covers that will be mementos of this flight were carried on the giant plane. A large number of first day covers with the new 25c stamp that was issued for this service, will be in the hands of collectors to commemorate this flight. We are rather disappointed in the stamp. It has the appearance of two much vagueness and distance. Surely the same stamp with a strong central vignette of a large plane in flight would be better than the small distant plane on the present stamp. To mark the flight, Francis James of Alemeda, Calif., sponsored a large worded cachet in purple reading "Pan-American Airways Day (row of stars) China Clipper first flight Honolulu - Midway - Wake -Guam - Manila" and mailed on the 22nd of November at 4 p. m. at Alemeda.

British Aviation enthusiasts are in America trying to interest American capitalists into aiding the proposed air line from Londonderry to Canada. The director general of the British post office says that technical developments offer hope for regular trans-Atlantic air service between North America and Europe in the near fu-



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> Boston, Mass., will expend a half million dollars on her municipal airport, the Hub Airport. What we would like to know is when this airport was dedicated. Any covers?

> The New Zealand government has received a proposal from the Pan-American Airways for the extension of the trans-Pacific route from Manila to New Zeland by July 1. No subsidy is asked.

> Service between Chengtu and Shanghai was inaugurated with very little show on October 23 and the planes used in service are Douglas trimotors. The company operating this route is the China National Aviation Co. On the 19th of October, the Eurasia Aviation Company inaugurated night flying between Shanghai and Nanking.

Covers for Dr. Brock's trip on his sixth anniversary of daily flights were carried to Oklahoma City by auto and mailed. Dr. Brock was unable to make the complete flight due to bad weather. 176 covers were mailed carrying the Mid West Philatelic Society cachet and 52 with an 8-line magenta cachet sponsored by Oklahoma City C. of C. . . . Troy, Ala., says possible dedication. . . . Starkville, Miss., is not dedicated and C. of C. will advise if date is set. . . . Blountstown, Fla., says not dedicated but C. of C. making plans for dedication. . . . Mission, Tex., to dedicate on Dec. 7-8 and those having post cards with us received this notice. . Ocean City, N. J., airport opened on July 4 but not officially opened as a useable field says C. of C. . . . Stambaugh, Mich., dedicated July 4 and 26 covers mailed with Legion typed cachet and 6 without markings. . . . Idabel, Okla., dedicated Nov. 21 and 48 covers with ink inscription mailed.

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AUSTRIA—Current Issue of 1934-35 over-printed "WINTERHILFE" plus the new val-ues as noted below. Perf. 12, except the 1Sch. which is 121/2:

A70— 5g. plus 2g. green A73—12g. plus 3g. pale blue A75—24g. plus 6g. brown A83—1S. plus 50g. rose

The three lower values of the above have the word "Winterhilfe" in upper and lower case letters, while on the 1S. the word is all

(R. Roberts)

BRAZIL—Further Commemoratives, First is the 4th Centenary of the Colonization of the State of Espirito Santo. Wmkd. Scott's #222. Lower value is horizontal and higher value vertical rectangular format, perf. 11:

300r. red lilac 700r. light blue

Eighth International Fair. Horizontal rectangular format. Perf. and wmk, same as

200r. ultramarine (Fort Worth Stamp Company)

BULGARIA—Hadji Dimitr Commemoratives. 4L. & 14L. are horizontal while other three values are upright. Large format, perf. 11, sheets of 25 (5x5):

1L. green (monument)
2L. brown (portrait)
4L. pink (double portrait)
7L. blue (four compatriots)
14L. orange (Dimitri's birthplace)

(R. Roberts)

CHILE-Air Post Stamps. Further values in set chronicled in previous issues; recess print-ed, perf. 14:

6P. brown 8P. green

(R. Roberts)

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC—New Pictorial. Design similar to Scott's A132, large format, 26½x30mm. lithographed printing, unwmkd. perf. 11½:

lc. green

(R. Roberts)

COSTA RICA—Philatelic Magazine reports that this country is about to issue a set of stamps for Cocos Island, for the purpose of letting the world know to whom the island belongs. The issue it is said will comprise eight values from 4 centimes to 5 Colons.

DANZIG—New Air Post Stamps. Heralded in our notes of Nov. 9th. Typographed printing, wmkd. network, perf. 14. Sheets of 100 (10x10), all bright except the 1G. which is horizontal.

golden yellow deep green 15pf. 25pf.

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3pf. dark brown 12pf. carmine

(Nick Augustin)

GREECE—Small format, horizontal, line engraved, perf. $13x12\frac{1}{2}$, printed in sheets of 50 (10 rows of 5):

4dr. brown

Dues. Line engraved, unwmkd., perf. 121/2x13:

> 50dr. orange 100dr. slate

(R. Roberts)

ICELAND—Commemoratives, heralded in our notes of Nov. 23rd. Portrait of Jochum-sson, line engraved, small upright format, 20x23½mm. perf. 12½, unwmkd.:

3 aur—slate green 5 aur—gray 7 aur—yellow green 35 aur—blue

(R. Roberts)

INDIA-Air Mail Envelope.

71/2a. on 8a. (surcharge in black) (Philatelic Magazine)

LUXEMBURG—Pictorial. View of Vianden, line engraved, large format 40x28mm. unwards. printed in sheets of 50, 2 panes of 25 (5x5). perf. 12½x12:

10fr. deep green

Official. Above overprinted in red "Official": 10fr. deep green

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MOZAMBIQUE CO.—Permanent Air Post Stamps. Heralded in our notes of Nov. 30th. Rectangular horizontal format, perf. 12½, unwmkd., sheets of 100 (10x10), recess print-ed. Design of an airplane over Beira. Centers are all in black EXCEPT the 60c, which is brown, same as on the set chronicled Nov. 9th:

> blue vermillion 15 c. carmine 20 c. 80 c. ellow green blue green gray blue 40 c. blue purple 60 c. carmine

80 c. lake deep blue pale blue pale brown rose carmine

20E. emerald

SWEDEN—New Values. Perf. 10 vertically. Unwmkd. Printed on new white paper technically known as 3A:

A20- 30 ore-brown

A20— 35 ore—mauve A18— 85 ore—deep myrtle green A18—145 ore—bright yellow green

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Miami Fla. No. 79 8c ord. Long Island City N. Y. No. 70 1/2c ord. Portland Oreg. No. 90 30c ord. Waco Tex. No. 145 3c coil.
Boise Idaho No. 70 ½c ord.
Washington Pa. No. 71 1c ord.

Tacoma Wash. No. 70 ½c ord. Milton, Wis. No. 70 ½c ord. -Dr. W. I. Mitchel

WILKES-BARRE. B-11

From the Charter Oak I learn that there is a difference between the coil and ordinaries from Wilkes Barre. The coils are minus the hyphen so I understand. I have not landed any of the coils yet to check this. Look yours PRECANCEL HERALD over and see what you find.

SAN FRANCISCO REPAIR

It was my privilege to look over one of the so-called repairs from San Francisco on a block of the 25c ordinaries. If noted on a single the stamp no doubt would pass many collectors for a stretch, but there is one noted difference. A stretch generally is somewhat smeared, this being caused by the sliding of the printing drum on the paper while the press is in operation. The letters of the repair are tall and thin like a stretch but are also clean cut and distinct and when viewed in a block or pair are readily distinguished from the regular imprints. I mention the stretch and repair to try to help those who are going in for the minor varieties to more easily pick this repair out, as I think the repair is really worth going after. One other thing there is to point out, if you have a stretch in a pair, strip or block all of the other impressions around it will be stretches

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This repair was made to a damaged plate by routing out the damaged place and inserting an engraved imprint. This no doubt accounts for the tall thin letters as no dignified engraver would copy another mans work he must create letters of his own design. Anyhow I hope to get more information about this interesting repair, such as the position in the plate, whether there is more than one repair in the plate and if more than one plate has been repaired. I also hear that besides San Francisco there has been a repair made in a plate from New York. If you have any items that you think are repairs will be glad to pass my humble opinion on them.

The Hoover Boys house organ, but no ads on it, all news. W. B. writing this one. (Vol. 4 No. 5). Wonders about a black Harding from Wash. D. C. seems as tho there is a demand for them but no supply, and it is beginning to dawn on the boys perhaps mebbe there aint none. Do you have a black Harding precancel from

Wash. D. C. Yes there is one listed in the cat. at \$1.50. Somebody must have thot they seen one once. A list of the minor varieties of buros, names of collectors chasing them and how many each has. Note the San Francisco repair is among them and B. Elliot has 22 which means that he has all the possible varieties of the repair but three, as I don't think the repair exists on the coils.

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ardent golfer can only play on the municipal golf links here. There are a great many long waits on the first hole and several others. He whiles away the time by taking various stamps along with him in a pocket stock book. As he usually plays with other stamp collectors the time passes very quickly discussing various adhe-

Do you know that experience in collecting stamps is usually something that is left when everything you have in that line is gone?

This report may not be true but we hear that the Esquimaux have formed a stamp club and meet in the largest igloo where the sessions are six months long during the dark winter months. All collectors attending take their sleeping bags and stay all during that time.

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> It has been suggested by one of the female sex that a set of quintuplet stamps be issued in a set of five by the Canadian Government, but we suppose this will never happen as it would be in direct competition with the Jubilee stamps.

The New York Sun prints an interesting item about the U.S. 50 cent Zeppelin stamp. The correct figures show only 340,070 of this stamp. Since this has been known here the price of the stamp has risen and \$2 is the price here today, mint. We would advise our readers to get this stamp today if they have not it as we feel that there will be a rise again on this adhesive.

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In the RE-ENGRAVED ONE-CENT the ornaments in the upper corners have been shaded so as to appear rounded, whereas the original designs had no shade lines in these ornaments, making them appear flat. The vertical lines making up the background for these ornaments have been strengthened so that this background is much darker on the re-engraved design

In the RE-ENGRAVED THREE-CENT the shading on the lower sides of the central oval is only about half as wide as it was on the original designs. There is also a short horizontal line under the "TS" of "Cents."

In the RE-ENGRAVED SIX-CENT there are three vertical lines between the edge of the panel and the edge of the The original design had four lines in this position.

In the RE-ENGRAVED TEN-CENT there are four vertical lines between the left side of the central oval and the edge of the shield which forms the background for this oval. The original design had five lines in this position.

The NEW DESIGN of the ONE-CENT has the numeral "1" in the center at the bottom of the stamp like the original design, but the words "one" and "cent" on either side of this numeral are on a straight line on the new design, whereas they were on a curve in the original design.

THE SECRET MARKS are easily distinguished when you know where to look for them and the kind of mark you are

Denomination	Location of Secret Mark	Kind of Mark
1c	Bottom center	The first pearl, or round spot, on the left of the top of the numeral "1" has small semi-circle like a shade line in it.
2c	Upper left corner	Small diagonal line from the bottom of the ball of the scroll over "U. S." to the frame of the panel bearing the inscription "U. S. Postage."
3c	Lower left corner	The lower part of the tail of the ribbon which is turned under the word "Three has been heavily shaded.
6с	Lower left corner	The first four vertical shade lines on the left on the back of the ribbon bearing the word "Six" are much wider and stronger.
7c	Lower right corner	There are small semi-circles around the two ends of the line which forms the ball of the main background for the stamp.
10c	Upper right	The scroll at the right end of the panel bearing the inscription "U. S. Postage" has a small semi-circular shade line.
12c	Bottom center	The ball forming the upper end and the bottom left of the numeral "2" have both been cut partly away so that they are crescent shaped, instead of round as in the original.
15c	Upper left corner	The lower part of the triangle has a heavy shade line forming a "V".

THE HARD AND SOFT PAPERS at first appear difficult, but with a little practice they can be distinguished by the "feel." Until this practice has been acquired, it is well to look through the stamp towards a strong light. The soft paper appears to be meshed like a fine fly screen, while the hard paper usually looks flat and "hard", although occasionally it may appear to have ribs one way only.

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